

CLASSIFICATION: VETERINARY TECHNICIAN I

Class Code: 9721-16

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Occupational Code: 9-1-2

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Exempt Status: Non-Exempt

BASIC PURPOSE: To perform field and laboratory tests on animals to control and eradicate diseases.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Collects samples from animals to detect drugs and disease.
- Assists law enforcement with cases concerning animal cruelty and welfare.
- Performs regulatory testing on cattle and goats.
- Attends Livestock Commission sales and enforces livestock regulations.
- Inspects pet shops for compliance with state statutes concerning health conditions and animal welfare.
- Supervises the banding and catching of poultry.

DISTINGUISHING FACTORS:

Skill: Requires skill in developing formats and procedures for special applications OR in investigating and reviewing the use of equipment and data for a specialized function.

Knowledge: Requires knowledge of business practices and procedures or technical training in a craft or trade, including working from detailed instructions, to apply knowledge in a variety of practical situations.

Impact: Requires responsibility for contributing to immediate, ongoing agency objectives by facilitating the direct provision of services to the public or other state agencies. Errors at this level result in inaccurate reports or invalid test results and require significant investment of time and resources to detect.

Supervision: Requires no supervision of employees or functions.

Working Conditions: Requires performing regular job functions in an adverse working environment containing a combination of disagreeable elements which impact significantly upon the employee's capacity for completing work assignments. This level includes work-related accidents or assault.

Physical Demands: Requires medium work, including continuous strenuous activities such as frequent reaching, bending, or lifting as well as performing work activities which require fine manual dexterity or coordination in operating machines or equipment.

Communication: Requires explaining facts, interpreting situations, or advising individuals of alternative or appropriate courses of action. This level also requires interviewing or eliciting information from state employees or members of the general public.

Complexity: Requires a combination of job functions to establish facts, to draw daily operational conclusions, or to solve practical problems. This level also requires providing a variety of alternative solutions where only limited standardization exists.

Independent Action: Requires a range of choice in applying a number of technical or administrative policies under general direction and in making routine decisions or in recommending modifications in work procedures for approval by supervisor.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Associate's degree from a recognized college or technical institute with major study in animal science, agriculture, biological sciences, resource management, or a related field. Each additional year of approved formal education may be substituted for one year of required work experience.

Experience: Three years' experience working with livestock, domesticated farm animals or related experience. Each additional year of approved work experience may be substituted for one year of required formal education.

License/Qualifications: Valid New Hampshire driver's license.

RECOMMENDED WORK TRAITS: Considerable knowledge of the common diseases of domestic farm animals and the skills to perform the tests required. Knowledge of the effects of medications on animals. Knowledge of livestock in evaluating diseases which affect them. Ability to perform tests quickly and painlessly. Ability to establish and maintain public confidence and interest in the program of livestock disease control. Ability to program livestock disease control. Ability to instruct others in proper livestock inspection. Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely. Must be willing to maintain appearance appropriate to assigned duties and responsibilities as determined by the agency appointing authority.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT: This class specification is descriptive of general duties and is not intended to list every specific function of this class title.